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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS

FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO FAHMY FOR SADAT AND HIM.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

WHEN I RECEIVED AMBASSADOR EILTS' REPORT OF HIS JULY 3 CONVERSATION WITH FAHMY, I WAS ALREADY IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING THIS MESSAGE TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTIONS FAHMY RAISED AND WHICH WE KNEW WOULD BE ON HIS MIND.

I WANT TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR TO THE PRESIDENT AND FAHMY THAT WE HAVE NOT REVEALED TO THE ISRAELIS THE EXISTENCE OF THE LATEST MAP, AND WE HAVE NOT PUT FORWARD TO THEM ANY MAP OF OUR OWN. WE HAVE CONCENTRATED ON SECRET

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IMPRESSING UPON THE ISRAELIS THE NEED FOR THEM TO REACH

A DECISION ON WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI PASSES AND OIL FIELDS WITH SATISFACTORY ACCESS TO THE LATTER FOR EGYPT.

THE CLARIFICATIONS THE ISRAELIS HAVE SOUGHT HAVE BEEN

DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO BE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT WE CONSIDER ESSENTIAL WITH RESPECT TO THE PASSES, ACCESS TO THE OIL FIELDS AND THE MANNING OF THE EARLY WARNING STATIONS. THEY ALSO WANTED TO REVIEW WHAT WE TOLD THEM OUR IMPRESSIONS WERE AFTER SALZBURG ABOUT OTHER ASPECTS OF AN INTERIM AGREEMENT AS WELL AS TO REVIEW THE QUESTION OF FUTURE STAGES OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, ASSUMING AN INTERIM AGREEMENT IS REACHED. WHILE DINITZ WILL BE BACK IN ISRAEL FOR THIS SUNDAY'S CABINET MEETING, I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE ISRAELIS WILL REACH ANY DECISIONS THIS WEEKEND SINCE THE DECISIONS THEY FACE CLEARLY RAISE DIVISIVE ISSUES IN ISRAEL. I WILL, OF COURSE, REPORT TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND FAHMY AS SOON AS WE HAVE AN ISRAEL I RESPONSE

MEANWHILE, WITH RESPECT TO WHAT I SAY TO GROMYKO IN GENEVA, I WANT THE PRESIDENT AND FAHMY TO KNOW THAT I AM CONSIDERING SENDING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS TO CAIRO TO DISCUSS THIS FIRSTHAND WITH FAHMY, AND, IF HE WISHES, WITH THE PRESIDENT. HE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO BRIEF THEM FULLY ON THE LATEST EXCHANGES WITH ISRAEL. I HAVE THOUGHT SAUNDERS WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO SEND BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE RELATIVELY LOW VISIBILITY. IF HE WENT, HE WOULD HAVE TO ARRIVE LATE TUESDAY, JULY 8, OR EARLY JULY 9 IN ORDER TO LEAVE IN TIME TO JOIN ME IN GENEVA ON THURSDAY. I WOULD APPRECIATE THE PRESIDENT'S AND FAHMY'S REACTION TO THIS IDEA.

FINALLY, WITH RESPECT TO FAHMY'S COMMENT ON THE COINCIDENCE OF RABIN'S VISIT TO BONN AND MY MEETING WITH GROMYKO IN GENEVA, HE SHOULD KNOW THAT THE DATES FOR THE RABIN VISIT WERE AGREED SOME TIME AGO, LONG BEFORE GROMYKO AND I AGREED WHEN WE WOULD MEET. I HAVE NO PRESENT PLANS TO SEE RABIN IN EUROPE, ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY THIS CANNOT BE RULED OUT IF IT WOULD SEEM USEFUL AT THE SECRET

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TIME.

I WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO MAKE A JUDGMENT ONCE I HAVE SOME IDEA ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. I WILL OF COURSE LET FAHMY KNOW IF ANYTHING DEVELOPS ON THIS. END MESSAGE. SISCO

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